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Applicant : Yong Hua Zhu, et al.

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Examiner : Melanie J. Hand

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action transmitted June 28, 2007, please reconsider the aboveidentified application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.